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DEPT PASS EXIM

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIN, CG
SUBJECT: INGA-SHABA PROJECT

REF: A) STATE 083155, B) EXIM LETTER OF MARCH 27 TO AMBASSADOR
KASONGO, C) KINSHASA 3369

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED COPY OF REF B. WE ARE IN COMPLETE
AGREEMENT WITH EXIM'S CONCERN FOR IMPROVED MANAGEMENT AT SNEL AND
PARTICULARLY AS THIS AFFECTS CONSTRUCTION OF INGA-SHABA TRANSMISSION
LINE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOZ ALSO SHARES THIS CONCERN AND
BELIEVE THAT RECENT APPOINTMENT OF BELGIAN EXPATRIATE, ANDRE JACOB,
AS THE NEW DELEGATE GENERAL OF SNEL REPRESENTS EVIDENCE OF GOZ
DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE SNEL MANAGEMENT.

2. FOLLOWING GOZ APPOINTMENT OF EXPATRIATES TO MANAGE SNCZ (ZAIRE'S
MAJOR RAIL SYSTEM) AND ONATRA (ZAIRE'S RIVER SYSTEM AND MATADI/
KINSHASA RAILROAD), EFFICIENCY OF THESE TWO KEY ORGANIZATIONS HAS
SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED. WE BELIEVE THAT GOZ HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH SAME
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IMPROVED EFFICIENCY AT SNEL BY APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXPATRIATE MANAGER.
AS DEPT. KNOWS, GOZ HAS INVITED IMF TO PROVIDE EXPATRIATE TEAM
ESSENTIALLY TO CONTROL FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIVISION OF CENTRAL BANK,
AND IS EXPECTED TO PLACE EXPATRIATES IN THE CUSTOMS SERVICE TO
ENSURE BETTER TAX COLLECTION.

3. CIS OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THEY ARE VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED

WITH JACOB AND HAVE NOTED IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED
IN HIS STILL BRIEF TENURE AT SNEL.

4. EMBASSY AGREES COMPLETELY WITH EXIM AS TO NEED FOR BETTER
MANAGEMENT SO AS TO ENSURE RAPID COMPLETION OF INGA-SHAB ATRANS-
MISSION LINE AND WE ARE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED
AND FURTHER CONTEMPLATED GOZ EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION. HOWEVER,
WE BELIEVE THAT OUR REQUESTING MEETING OF SENIOR GOZ OFFICIALS
TO DISCUSS TRANSMISSION LINE COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WE
HAVE FOUND THROUGH EXPERIENCE THAT IT IS USUALLY MORE EFFECTIVE
TO WORK INDIVIDUALLY WITH GOZ OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR, THEREFORE,
PROPOSES TO DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU IMPORTANCE OF RAPID
COMPLETION OF INGA-SHABA LINE AND WILL RAISE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS
WITH HIM AS APPROPRIATE. LIKEWISE, AMBASSADOR AND OTHER MISSION
OFFICERS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH CIS AND GOZ OFFICIALS
TO MONITOR PROJECT AND TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS
AS WELL AS ANY OTHERS WHICH MIGHT ARISE.
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